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ABSTRACT

Los Angeles City College (LACC) students were surveyed to determine their demographic and academic characteristics, and their attitudes toward their education. Of a random sample of 2,000 day and evening students, 1,266 responded. Data from the fall 1978 survey are compared to those from a fall 1976 survey and to fall 1978 district-wide statistics. The principal reason for attending college given by both day (42%) and evening (53%) students was to "acquire or improve occupational or technical skills." The second most frequently given reason was to "prepare to transfer to a four-year college." Major reasons for attending LACC were that the college was close to home, had no tuition, and had a reputation for good teaching. When asked if they would attend LACC if tuition of about \$5.00 per unit were charged, 25% indicated that they would attend, another 25% indicated that they would if they received financial aid, 25% indicated that they could not afford to attend, and the remaining 25% were uncertain. The principal study interest of day students was fine arts, with business and secretarial programs ranked second; among evening students, business was ranked first and fine arts ranked fourth. A bachelor's degree was sought by 60% of the respondents. About 60% of day students and 95% of evening students were employed. Teaching and the library were the highest ranked student services. Almost 20% had attended high school in a foreign country. (Author/MB)

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"LACC STUDENT SURVEY - FALL 1978"

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

In Fall 1976, the LACCD Research Committee, with the cooperation of the District Office of Educational Research and Analysis, devised and administered a "Student Survey" to provide information about currently enrolled students. LACC cooperated in this endeavor, with the findings of this effort reported in Research Study #77-4.

After reviewing the information obtained in the 1976 survey, the Research Committee decided that it would be useful to attempt to obtain information of this type on a biennial basis. This study reports on LACC participation in the Fall 1978 survey.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

A sub-committee of the District Research Committee revised the 1976 instrument and requested that it be administered to a representative sample of students. LACC was furnished approximately 2,000 questionnaires. Method to be used was to request instructor assistance by administering the questionnaire during a class session. Completed questionnaires were sent to the District Office of Educational Planning, where they were keypunched and analyzed on the District computer using SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) programs. The printout for LACC was furnished the LACC Research Office and forms the basis for the findings described in the next section.

FINDINGS

In order to approximate a random sample, all classes meeting at 9:00 AM Wednesdays and at 7:00 PM Wednesdays were listed (separately). Using a printout from the Office of Instruction showing numbers of students, classes were chosen randomly from these lists until a total of about 2,000, divided between the two lists in proportion to the day-evening ratio of the total population, was obtained. This process produced 35 day classes and 25 evening classes. Instructors of these classes were sent copies of the questionnaire and invited to participate. (Copy of invitation letter appended.)

32 (92%) of the day instructors and all 25 of the evening instructors administered the questionnaire and returned a total of 1,266 completed (or partially completed) copies to the Research Office.

Table 1 presents some characteristics of the sample respondents and comparable characteristics for the entire college population. In addition to errors due to sampling, differences can be attributed to two other facts, (1) the population statistics are as of the fourth week of the semester, the sample as of the thirteenth week, and (2) the sample figures are self-reported.

Table 2 lists the questions asked of the students and shows the number responding together with percents marking each of the possible responses. Figures are given separately for day and evening students*. Questions which were asked in 1976 also show figures for that project. Also 1978 District wide totals are included where available.

* Those students indicating all of their classes to start before 4:30 PM (Day) or after 4:30 PM (Evening).

TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF SAMPLE AND COLLEGE POPULATION
(Figures in Percent)

| | Sample (13th Week) (N=1266) | Population (4th Week) (N=18776) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Day | 58.1 | 51.1 |
| Evening | 31.7 | 37.8 |
| Both | 10.2 | 11.1 |
| Male | 48.7 | 47.5 |
| Female | 51.3 | 52.5 |
| Full-Time | 56.6 | 33.3 |
| Part-Time | 43.4 | 66.7 |
| 1st Time | 41.7 | 35.0 |
| Continuing | 58.9 | 65.0 |
| Under 20 (age) | 23.6 | 16.7 |
| 20 - 24 | 35.3 | 33.1 |
| 25 - 29 | 18.6 | 20.4 |
| 30 - 39 | 14.7 | 18.2 |
| 40 - 49 | 4.1 | 6.4 |
| 50+ | 3.6 | 5.1 |
| Black/Afro American | 31.6 | 39.1 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 21.1 | 20.0 |
| Hispanic | 16.9 | 17.9 |
| White/Caucasian | 21.2 | 20.0 |
| Native American/Alaskan | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Other | 7.6 | 1.5 |

TABLE 1.

SUMMARY OF FALL 1978 AND FALL 1976 STUDENT SURVEY RESPONSES

(Figures in Percent)

1.* WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON YOU ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=684) | Eve. (N=370) | Day (N=788) | Eve. (N=179) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. To acquire or improve occupational or technical skills. | 41.5 | 52.7 | 26.3 | 35.8 | 37.5 |
| 2. To help choose a career. | 12.7 | 11.1 | 19.0 | 15.1 | 14.7 |
| 3. To prepare to transfer to a four year college. | 35.5 | 25.4 | 41.9 | 34.1 | 35.8 |
| 4. To develop basic learning skills (English, Reading, Math). | 5.0 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| 5. To take courses for pleasure. | 1.5 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 4.0 |
| 6. Could not find a job. | 0.7 | 0.3 | N/A | N/A | 0.6 |
| 7. Other | 3.1 | 3.2 | 7.2 | 8.4 | 3.4 |

2.* WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON YOU CHOSE TO ENROLL AT THIS COLLEGE?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=682) | Eve. (N=371) | Day (N=767) | Eve. (N=179) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. No admissions requirement. | 7.8 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.0 |
| 2. No tuition. | 22.4 | 30.5 | 20.9 | 22.9 | 16.8 |
| 3. Close to home. | 26.8 | 35.3 | 33.0 | 43.0 | 40.5 |
| 4. Athletic program. | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| 5. Friends attend. | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| 6. Parents' advice. | 2.3 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 1.7 |
| 7. Counselors' advice. | 2.2 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 2.5 |
| 8. Reputation for good teaching. | 23.6 | 17.0 | 14.5 | 12.8 | 16.2 |
| 9. Other | 12.5 | 7.8 | 11.7 | 7.3 | 10.8 |

3. WOULD YOU ATTEND THIS COLLEGE IF TUITION WAS CHARGED (SUCH AS \$5 PER UNIT)?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | Fall 1978 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=677) | Eve. (N=368) | | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. Yes, Tuition is not a problem. | 21.4 | 38.0 | N/A | 39.1 |
| 2. Yes, with additional student Aid. | 28.2 | 12.8 | N/A | 16.1 |
| 3. No, could not afford the cost. | 26.6 | 25.5 | N/A | 19.7 |
| 4. Uncertain at this time. | 23.6 | 23.4 | N/A | 25.1 |

* Questions marked with * were asked somewhat differently in 1976.

4. IN WHAT AREA OF STUDY DO YOU HAVE THE GREATEST INTEREST?

1. Social and Behavioral Sciences.
2. Math, Physical/Life Science, Chem.
3. Fine Arts and Humanities.
4. Business and Secretarial.
5. Language and Literature.
6. Health and Allied Health Fields.
7. Home Ec./Consumer/Family Studies.
8. Trades & Applied Technology.
9. Undecided

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------------|
| Day | Eve. | | | District |
| (N=672) | (N=364) | | | Day & Eve. |
| 11.5 | 13.2 | N/A | | 16.8 |
| 15.9 | 15.4 | N/A | | 12.4 |
| 19.8 | 12.6 | N/A | | 10.2 |
| 17.9 | 32.1 | N/A | | 23.3 |
| 4.0 | 4.7 | N/A | | 3.9 |
| 5.7 | 5.5 | N/A | | 7.5 |
| 2.1 | 1.9 | N/A | | 2.5 |
| 15.8 | 9.1 | N/A | | 14.2 |
| 7.4 | 5.5 | N/A | | 9.3 |

5. DID YOU SELECT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

1. Yes
2. No

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|--|------------|
| Day | Eve. | | | District |
| (N=644) | (N=362) | | | Day & Eve. |
| 49.9 | 51.8 | N/A | | 50.9 |
| 50.1 | 48.2 | N/A | | 49.1 |

6. WHAT WAS YOUR HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION BEFORE ATTENDING THIS COLLEGE?

1. Some elementary school.
2. Elementary school diploma.
3. Some high school.
4. High School diploma.
5. Some college, no degree.
6. 2 year college degree.
7. 4 year college degree.
8. Some graduate school.
9. Graduate degree.

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=682) | (N=370) | (N=794) | (N=185) | Day & Eve. |
| 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 5.9 | 3.8 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| 66.9 | 33.5 | 67.0 | 42.7 | 61.4 |
| 20.1 | 34.9 | 19.5 | 32.4 | 21.9 |
| 2.9 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| 2.1 | 15.4 | 2.8 | 11.4 | 3.9 |
| 0.3 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| 1.0 | 4.9 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.9 |

7. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC DEGREE YOU PLAN TO OBTAIN?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=677) | Eve. (N=366) | Day (N=793) | Eve. (N=185) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. High school diploma | 2.1 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| 2. Certificate of completion | 2.8 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 3.2 |
| 3. AA, AS (2 Years) | 16.7 | 11.7 | 16.0 | 16.2 | 15.4 |
| 4. BA, BS (4 Years) | 31.9 | 28.1 | 25.7 | 30.3 | 32.4 |
| 5. MA, MS (Masters) | 16.8 | 21.3 | 19.4 | 21.1 | 17.5 |
| 6. Doctorate or Professional (PH.D, M.D, J.D, Etc.) | 13.0 | 13.7 | 17.3 | 14.1 | 9.9 |
| 7. Undecided | 13.0 | 13.4 | 16.6 | 14.1 | 14.5 |
| 8. Not interested in degree | 3.7 | 6.6 | - | - | 5.2 |

8. WHAT TYPE OF CLASSES ARE YOU PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=671) | Eve. (N=367) | Day (N=795) | Eve. (N=186) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. Credit classes | 75.1 | 70.6 | 79.4 | 76.3 | 78.0 |
| 2. Non-credit Community Services Class | 1.0 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| 3. Both | 23.8 | 25.9 | 19.0 | 23.7 | 19.8 |

9. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD(REN) IN THE CAMPUS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=650) | Eve. (N=361) | Day (N=780) | Eve. (N=183) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. Yes | 9.7 | 16.3 | 10.5 | 6.7 | 10.2 |
| 2. No | 21.1 | 16.6 | 29.7 | 35.2 | 23.0 |
| 3. Not applicable | 69.2 | 67.0 | 59.5 | 58.1 | 66.8 |

10. WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY MEANS OF GETTING TO CAMPUS?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=676) | Eve. (N=366) | Day (N=794) | Eve. (N=186) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. Own car | 49.7 | 76.0 | 51.6 | 76.9 | 77.2 |
| 2. Car pool | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 4.2 |
| 3. Motorcycle | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| 4. Walk | 5.9 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 2.9 |
| 5. Bus | 38.0 | 15.8 | 33.4 | 11.3 | 13.4 |
| 6. Bicycle | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |

11. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY MILES DO YOU LIVE FROM CAMPUS?

1. less than three miles
2. 3 - 5.9 miles
3. 6 - 9.9 miles
4. 10 - 15 miles
5. more than 15 miles

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=639) | (N=357) | (N=786) | (N=184) | Day & Eve. |
| 19.9 | 19.1 | 23.9 | 34.6 | 16.0 |
| 40.5 | 42.9 | 28.8 | 30.8 | 44.0 |
| 16.1 | 13.4 | 19.6 | 15.1 | 22.0 |
| 15.8 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 11.9 | 10.0 |
| 7.7 | 6.4 | 8.9 | 7.6 | 8.0 |

Median No. of Miles: 5.3 mi. 5.3 mi. 5.2 mi. 5.5 mi. 4.5 mi.

12. HOW MANY PAID HOURS PER WEEK ARE YOU EMPLOYED?

1. None
2. 1-10 hours
3. 11-20 hours
4. 21-31 hours
5. 32-40 hours
6. More than 40 hours

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=579) | (N=344) | (N=789) | (N=186) | Day & Eve. |
| 38.9 | 5.0 | 34.7 | 8.1 | 20.0 |
| 6.4 | 5.2 | 9.3 | 4.3 | 6.5 |
| 21.6 | 1.8 | 19.8 | 3.8 | 19.1 |
| 16.2 | 2.0 | 16.5 | 2.7 | 15.3 |
| 14.3 | 80.5 | 13.8 | 62.9 | 34.5 |
| 2.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 18.3 | 4.6 |

Median No. Hrs. 13 Hrs. 36 Hrs. 13 Hrs. 36 Hrs. 23 Hrs.

13. HOW WOULD YOU GRADE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COLLEGE. (FALL 1976 N/A)

| | A | B | C | D | F | No. Resp. | % Resp. | GPA | Rank |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|------------|------|------|
| Teaching | | | | | | | | | |
| Day | 38.7 | 43.0 | 16.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 532 | 78.6 | 3.18 | 2 |
| Evening | 41.0 | 44.3 | 13.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 273 | 73.0 | 3.25 | 1 |
| District | 37.8 | 46.3 | 14.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 | - | 95.9 | 3.20 | 1 |
| Counseling | | | | | | | | | |
| Day | 22.4 | 31.5 | 28.2 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 451 | 65.7 | 2.51 | 6 |
| Evening | 28.9 | 30.0 | 23.9 | 12.8 | 4.4 | 180 | 48.1 | 2.66 | 5 |
| District | 21.7 | 30.7 | 29.5 | 11.6 | 6.5 | - | 58.1 | 2.50 | 9 |
| Financial Aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Day | 23.0 | 24.4 | 27.8 | 14.2 | 10.5 | 352 | 51.3 | 2.35 | 8 |
| Evening | 22.0 | 17.1 | 30.5 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 82 | 21.9 | 2.16 | 11 |
| District | 22.1 | 24.7 | 29.7 | 13.1 | 10.4 | - | 30.9 | 2.40 | 11 |
| E.O.P.S. | | | | | | | | | |
| Day Evening | 16.3 | 26.5 | 31.3 | 13.9 | 12.0 | 166 | 24.2 | 2.21 | 11 |
| Evening | 19.0 | 35.7 | 28.6 | 9.5 | 7.1 | 42 | 11.2 | 2.50 | 7 |
| District | 21.5 | 28.8 | 32.8 | 8.6 | 8.2 | - | 17.5 | 2.50 | 10 |
| Veterans Affairs | | | | | | | | | |
| Day | 24.7 | 28.8 | 26.7 | 13.0 | 6.8 | 146 | 21.3 | 2.52 | 5 |
| Evening | 20.3 | 33.9 | 32.2 | 5.1 | 8.5 | 59 | 15.8 | 2.52 | 6 |
| District | 30.1 | 27.1 | 27.8 | 7.7 | 7.4 | - | 17.9 | 2.60 | 8 |

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College Library

Day

Evening

District

Job Placement

Day

Evening

District

Handicapped Service

Day

Evening

District

Health Services

Day

Evening

District

Food Services

Day

Evening

District

Admissions Office

Day

Evening

District

Child Dev. Center

Day

Evening

District

| | A | B | C | D | F | No. Resp. | Resp. | GPA | Rank |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|-------|------|------|
| Day | 48.6 | 34.4 | 14.5 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 543 | 79.2 | 3.28 | 1 |
| Evening | 31.1 | 40.8 | 21.9 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 228 | 61.0 | 2.95 | 3 |
| District | 41.2 | 37.6 | 17.1 | 2.9 | 1.2 | - | 71.7 | 3.10 | 2 |
| Day | 24.2 | 26.5 | 32.0 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 219 | 31.9 | 2.51 | 6 |
| Evening | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 16.2 | 8.8 | 68 | 18.2 | 2.41 | 8 |
| District | 29.2 | 28.5 | 27.5 | 8.6 | 6.2 | - | 25.5 | 2.70 | 5 |
| Day | 44.9 | 26.8 | 19.7 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 127 | 18.5 | 3.06 | 3 |
| Evening | 43.2 | 27.0 | 21.6 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 37 | 9.9 | 3.00 | 2 |
| District | 44.4 | 29.1 | 18.9 | 4.7 | 2.9 | - | 13.6 | 3.10 | 3 |
| Day | 17.7 | 27.2 | 34.8 | 10.8 | 9.5 | 158 | 23.0 | 2.32 | 9 |
| Evening | 18.8 | 25.0 | 33.3 | 6.3 | 16.7 | 48 | 12.8 | 2.23 | 10 |
| District | 24.7 | 28.8 | 32.1 | 7.8 | 6.5 | - | 17.9 | 2.60 | 7 |
| Day | 8.1 | 20.0 | 37.9 | 19.1 | 14.9 | 430 | 62.7 | 1.87 | 12 |
| Evening | 12.2 | 18.3 | 38.3 | 18.3 | 12.8 | 180 | 48.0 | 1.99 | 12 |
| District | 10.7 | 28.4 | 37.5 | 13.8 | 9.6 | - | 59.9 | 2.20 | 12 |
| Day | 15.6 | 28.0 | 33.2 | 15.1 | 8.2 | 564 | 82.2 | 2.28 | 10 |
| Evening | 16.2 | 33.4 | 30.1 | 13.9 | 6.4 | 296 | 79.1 | 2.39 | 9 |
| District | 19.4 | 36.4 | 31.4 | 8.7 | 4.2 | - | 78.8 | 2.60 | 6 |
| Day | 31.1 | 33.0 | 29.2 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 106 | 15.4 | 2.86 | 4 |
| Evening | 47.2 | 11.1 | 22.2 | 11.1 | 8.3 | 36 | 9.6 | 2.78 | 4 |
| District | 40.1 | 26.7 | 24.7 | 3.5 | 5.0 | - | 12.2 | 2.90 | 4 |

14. * PLEASE ESTIMATE YOUR PARENTS' ANNUAL INCOME (ANSWER ONLY IF YOU LIVE WITH PARENT).

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | Day (N=366) | Eve. (N= 72) | Day (N=375) | Eve. (N= 42) | District Day & Eve. |
| 1. Under \$4,000 | 16.1 | 19.4 | 17.1 | 21.4 | 9.8 |
| 2. \$4,000 - 5,999 | 12.8 | 15.3 | 16.5 | 9.5 | 7.3 |
| 3. 6,000 - 8,999 | 17.8 | 9.7 | 17.6 | 19.0 | 8.7 |
| 4. 9,000 - 11,999 | 16.1 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 11.9 | 11.0 |
| 5. 12,000 - 14,999 | 15.8 | 13.9 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 11.3 |
| 6. 15,000 - 17,999 | 5.7 | 9.7 | 8.3 | 9.5 | 7.6 |
| 7. 18,000 - 19,999 | 3.0 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 |
| 8. 20,000 - 30,000 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 10.4 | 9.5 | 17.9 |
| 9. Above \$30,000 | 6.8 | 6.9 | | | 19.5 |
| Median \$ | \$9,600 | \$10,300 | \$8,800 | \$9,000 | \$15,800 |

15. PLEASE ESTIMATE YOUR PERSONAL ANNUAL INCOME (INCLUDE ALL INCOME).

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 District Day & Eve. |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Day (N=651) | Eve. (N=352) | Day (N=745) | Eve. (N=176) | |
| 1. No income | 26.1 | 2.3 | 18.8 | 5.7 | 14.0 |
| 2. Under \$1,000 | 15.5 | 5.4 | 16.4 | 2.3 | 11.3 |
| 3. 1,000 - 1,999 | 10.9 | 2.8 | 13.0 | 2.3 | 8.8 |
| 4. 2,000 - 2,999 | 12.7 | 3.1 | 14.1 | 1.1 | 9.0 |
| 5. 3,000 - 3,999 | 10.1 | 3.7 | 10.6 | 5.1 | 9.3 |
| 6. 4,000 - 5,999 | 9.2 | 7.1 | 9.9 | 8.0 | 8.6 |
| 7. 6,000 - 7,999 | 6.5 | 13.4 | 6.8 | 18.2 | 7.0 |
| 8. 8,000 - 10,000 | 4.0 | 22.7 | 4.4 | 23.9 | 7.9 |
| 9. Above \$ 10,000 | 4.9 | 39.5 | 5.9 | 33.5 | 24.1 |
| Median \$ | \$1,800 | \$9,100 | \$2,100 | \$9,000 | \$2,800 |

16. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT COLLEGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 District Day & Eve. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Day (N=642) | Eve. (N=356) | Day (N=757) | Eve. (N=172) | |
| 1. No GPA established | 26.2 | 21.1 | 23.0 | 19.8 | 25.0 |
| 2. Below 2.00 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.3 |
| 3. 2.00 - 2.49 | 16.7 | 14.0 | 23.2 | 14.0 | 13.8 |
| 4. 2.50 - 2.99 | 23.4 | 21.4 | 22.6 | 25.0 | 22.4 |
| 5. 3.00 - 3.49 | 20.9 | 25.0 | 18.6 | 27.3 | 23.8 |
| 6. 3.50 - 4.00 | 10.0 | 16.4 | 9.8 | 11.0 | 12.7 |
| Median GPA | 2.85 | 2.93 | 2.78 | 2.96 | 3.00 |

17. HOW MANY SEMESTERS HAVE YOU BEEN AT THE COLLEGE INCLUDING THIS FALL?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | Fall 1978 District Day & Eve. |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| | Day (N=547) | Eve. (N=348) | | |
| 1. One | 45.4 | 39.7 | N/A | 40.0 |
| 2. Two | 13.4 | 13.3 | N/A | 14.2 |
| 3. Three | 21.9 | 14.2 | N/A | 22.1 |
| 4. Four | 8.2 | 14.2 | N/A | 8.5 |
| 5. Five | 6.5 | 7.2 | N/A | } 15.2 |
| 6. Six | 2.8 | 6.1 | N/A | |
| 7. More than Six | 1.7 | 5.1 | N/A | |
| Median No. of Semesters. | 1.8 Sem. | 2.3 Sem. | | 2.2 Sem. |

18. HOW MANY UNITS ARE YOU TAKING THIS SEMESTER?

1. Less than 3 units
2. 3 - 5 units
3. 6 - 8 units
4. 9 - 11 units
5. 12 - 15 units
6. 16 - 18 units
7. More than 18 units

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=669) | (N=364) | (N=787) | (N=187) | Day & Eve. |
| 1.1 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| 3.3 | 28.3 | 2.5 | 27.3 | 13.4 |
| 6.4 | 33.0 | 5.3 | 29.4 | 21.4 |
| 13.3 | 21.2 | 11.1 | 19.3 | 7.4 |
| 52.9 | 13.2 | 61.8 | 19.3 | 41.0 |
| 16.7 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 2.1 | 15.0 |
| 6.3 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 0.0 | |

Median Number of Units 13.5 7.2 13.5 7.5 9.7

19. IN WHICH CLASSES ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED?

1. Day Classes (Beginning prior to 4:30 P.M.)
2. Evening Classes (Beginning 4:30 P.M. and After)
3. Both

| Total | District |
|-----------|-----------|
| Fall 1978 | Fall 1978 |
| (N=1180) | (N=8127) |
| 58.1 | 56.4 |
| 31.7 | 29.6 |
| 10.2 | 14.0 |

20. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SEX.

1. Male
2. Female

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=683) | (N=373) | (N=785) | (N=180) | Day & Eve. |
| 48.2 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 46.1 | 48.2 |
| 51.8 | 52.5 | 50.3 | 53.9 | 51.8 |

21. * WHAT IS YOUR MARITAL STATUS?

1. Single
2. Married
3. Divorced
4. Widowed

| Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| (N=679) | (N=366) | (N=797) | (N=187) | Day & Eve. |
| 80.9 | 55.5 | 77.6 | 50.3 | 66.7 |
| 13.5 | 35.8 | 16.7 | 33.2 | 25.3 |
| 4.7 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 16.6 | 6.8 |
| 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 |

22. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR RACIAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND.

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| | Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| | (N=667) | (N=367) | (N=766) | (N=188) | Day & Eve. |
| 1. American Indian/Alaskan | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.2 |
| 2. Black/Negro | 35.1 | 27.5 | 36.9 | 38.3 | 21.4 |
| 3. Hispanic/Spanish Surname | 17.4 | 15.3 | 18.7 | 16.1 | 16.7 |
| 4. Asian/Pacific Islander | 15.1 | 13.4 | 16.3 | 6.7 | 7.1 |
| 5. Filipino | 4.9 | 10.1 | 2.0 | 7.2 | 2.4 |
| 6. White/Caucasian | 17.1 | 26.7 | 21.4 | 27.2 | 45.2 |
| 7. Other | 8.5 | 5.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 4.9 |

23. * PLEASE INDICATE YOUR AGE.

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | | Fall 1978 |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| | Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. | District |
| | (N=651) | (N=357) | (N=794) | (N=182) | Day & Eve. |
| 1. 19 years or younger | 35.0 | 4.2 | 30.7 | 4.9 | 36.7 |
| 2. 20 - 24 years | 38.7 | 26.9 | 41.3 | 23.6 | 63.3 |
| 3. 25 - 29 years | 14.0 | 27.4 | 16.5 | 31.3 | |
| 4. 30 - 39 years | 8.0 | 27.4 | 8.1 | 24.7 | |
| 5. 40 - 49 years | 1.7 | 8.5 | 2.5 | 8.2 | |
| 6. 50 - 55 years | 1.2 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 3.3 | |
| 7. Above 55 years | 1.4 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 3.8 | |

Median age in years 20.6 ~~27.6~~ 21.3 27.0 23.8

24. HOW MANY DEPENDENT CHILDREN (UNDER 18) DO YOU HAVE?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Day | Eve. | Day | Eve. |
| | (N=644) | (N=349) | (N=797) | (N=187) |
| 1. One | 9.8 | 16.6 | 11.0 | 13.4 |
| 2. Two | 5.7 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 9.1 |
| 3. Three | 1.6 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 4.3 |
| 4. Four | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 2.7 |
| 5. Five or more | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 6. No dependent children | 82.2 | 67.0 | 80.8 | 70.0 |

25. HOW MANY DAYS PER WEEK ARE YOU ON THE L.A.C.C. CAMPUS (OR OFF CAMPUS CENTER)?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Day (N=673) | Eve. (N=354) | Day (N=788) | Eve. (N=185) |
| 1. One | 0.1 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 7.0 |
| 2. Two | 1.3 | 26.7 | 0.5 | 38.9 |
| 3. Three | 13.1 | 32.3 | 12.7 | 24.9 |
| 4. Four | 4.9 | 21.7 | 5.5 | 20.5 |
| 5. Five | 78.2 | 1.7 | 78.3 | 8.6 |
| 6. Six | 2.4 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 0.8 |
| <u>Median Number of Days:</u> | | | | |
| | 4.9 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 2.7 |

26. HOW MANY HOURS PER DAY, ON THE AVERAGE, ARE YOU ON THE L.A.C.C. CAMPUS (OR OFF-CAMPUS CENTER)?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Day (N=673) | Eve. (N=359) | Day (N=788) | Eve. (N=185) |
| 1. One or less | 3.1 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 6.4 |
| 2. Two | 6.1 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 7.5 |
| 3. Three | 18.6 | 54.9 | 16.9 | 46.0 |
| 4. Four | 28.0 | 12.5 | 29.1 | 10.2 |
| 5. Five | 18.8 | 4.5 | 20.8 | 9.1 |
| 6. Six | 11.8 | 5.0 | 11.9 | 5.9 |
| 7. Seven | 5.3 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| 8. Eight | 2.8 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 2.1 |
| 9. More than eight | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 9.6 |
| <u>Median Number of hours:</u> | | | | |
| | 4.3 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 3.3 |

27. HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY EVER ATTENDED L.A.C.C.?

| | Fall 1978 | | Fall 1976 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Day (N=670) | Eve. (N=365) | Day (N=797) | Eve. (N=187) |
| 1. Yes, presently attending | 15.4 | 15.4 | 18.1 | 16.6 |
| 2. Yes, but none presently attend | 23.9 | 21.7 | 21.3 | 17.1 |
| 3. No | 60.7 | 62.9 | 60.6 | 66.3 |

28. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED.

Total Fall 1978 only (All responses N=1112))

Los Angeles City Public Schools

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|---|-------|
| Belmont | 7.0 | } | 49.9% |
| Los Angeles | 4.5 | | |
| Marshall | 4.2 | | |
| Fairfax | 4.0 | | |
| Hollywood | 3.9 | | |
| Manual Arts | 3.0 | | |
| Dorsey | 2.2 | | |
| Fremont | 2.0 | | |
| Crenshaw | 1.4 | | |
| Roosevelt | 1.4 | | |
| Franklin | 1.1 | } | |
| Washington | 1.1 | | |
| All others (<1.0) | 14.1 | | |

Other California

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|---|-------|
| Public High School | 9.8 | } | 11.8% |
| Private High School | 2.0 | | |

Other United States

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|---|-------|
| New York | 4.3 | } | 21.3% |
| Ohio | 1.7 | | |
| Illinois | 1.5 | | |
| Texas | 1.5 | | |
| Michigan | 1.0 | | |
| Louisiana | 1.0 | | |
| All others (<1.0) | 10.3 | | |

Foreign

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|---|-------|
| Far East | 6.2 | } | 17.0% |
| South Pacific | 3.8 | | |
| Latin America | 3.4 | | |
| Middle East | 1.8 | | |
| Europe | 1.2 | | |
| Africa | 0.5 | | |
| Canada | 0.1 | } | |
| | | | |

OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

This study reports on a questionnaire survey of L.A.C.C. students in December 1978, the second of a planned biannual undertaking. The instrument was administered by faculty selected through a "randomizing" process. Faculty cooperation was excellent, in that 62 of the 65 requested faculty members participated.

1266 questionnaires were completed and returned to the Research Office for analysis. A comparison of sample characteristics with those of the entire population 9 weeks earlier indicates that the sample is representative in certain areas and questionable in others. Percent male and percent minority differ by less than 2%, although the sample percentage of Blacks is slightly underrepresented. Major difference between sample and population is that the former shows 57% full-time and the latter only 33%. Coupling this with the fact that the sample shows a higher percentage of younger students leads one to conclude that a higher percentage of older, part-time students withdrew from the college between the 4th and the 13th weeks. Investigations are now being made to check this further.

Following are some observations and conclusions based on analysis of the responses to the questionnaire:

- (1) Number one reason for attending college, stated by both day (42%) and evening (53%) students was to acquire or improve occupational or technical skills. Number two reason was "to prepare to transfer to a four year college," (36% day, 25% evening). This response is a shift from 1976 when the order was reversed.
- (2) Major reasons for choosing L.A.C.C. in particular were that the college is close to home, has no tuition, and has a reputation for good teaching. Influence of parents, friends, and counselors is apparently not an important factor.
- (3) When asked if they would attend L.A.C.C. if tuition of about \$5 per unit were charged, about one fourth of the students said yes, no problem, another fourth said yes, with some aid, another fourth said no, they couldn't afford it, and the remaining fourth said they were uncertain at this time.

- (4) When asked about the area of study of greatest interest to them, day students number one choice was fine arts, with business and secretarial second. Evening students first choice was clearly business, with fine arts ranking fourth.
- (5) About half of L.A.C.C. respondents indicated that they selected their high school courses to prepare for college.
- (6) About 60% of the respondents indicated they planned to obtain a bachelor's degree or higher.
- (7) The average distance students come to get to L.A.C.C. is a little over 5 miles, as it is for the entire district. Method of getting to school differs however. About a third of L.A.C.C. students take the bus, compared to less than half that figure district wide. Slightly over half of L.A.C.C. students drive their own car, compared to over three quarters districtwide.
- (8) About 60% of L.A.C.C. day students and 95% of evening students are employed for pay. For those who work, almost all evening students work full-time, while day students average about 22 hours per week.
- (9) Students were asked to grade twelve different services offered by the college and to indicate frequency of use of the service. Highest rated were teaching and college library, lowest was food services.
- (10) Reported median parental income was \$9,600 for day students, \$10,300 for evening students, both up about \$800 since 1976. Median parental reported income districtwide was \$15,800.
- (11) Almost one in five respondents indicated that they last attended high-school in a foreign country. Far East, South Pacific, Latin America accounted for about two thirds of these.

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

Ticket # _____

Class _____

Estimated number _____

TO:

FROM: Ben K. Gold
Research Office, AD 109F

SUBJECT: DISTRICT-WIDE STUDENT SURVEY

We have been asked by the District Research Committee to administer to a sampling of our students a questionnaire prepared by that group.

We cooperated in a similar venture two years ago and obtained much valuable information. We need to update this information, and are therefore asking faculty assistance in administering the questionnaire.

We have attempted to sample scientifically so as to get a valid representation of our student body, and your class as listed above has been drawn in the sample. We would be most appreciative if you would ask the students in this class to complete the questionnaire and return it to you. We estimate 15 minutes is adequate time for this. Please do not use another class.

Please return all materials to the Research Office (or to the mailbox for Gold) as soon as possible, no later than _____.

100% response is not necessary, but to assure reliability, we would appreciate as many responses as practicable.

Thank you for your assistance.

P.S. If for any reason you are not able to assist in this project, please accept our thanks anyway and return the materials promptly.

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